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MAY SHOW OPENS MAY 10

May 10 marks the opening of the 43rd MAY SHOW of The Cleveland Museum of Art. This year the show includes for the first time the work of artists from the thirteen counties of the Western Reserve. In the past it has been limited to artists of Cuyahoga County. As a result of this increased geographic scope the number of artists entered this year was doubled and 1500 more objects were submitted.

A jury of three out-of-town art authorities and two special advisors screened a total of 4,685 objects and selected 559 for exhibition. 299 artists are represented in the Show.

Jury Mentions were awarded to objects of special merit. Paintings, sculpture, drawings, prints, photography, pottery, textiles, enamels, jewelry, and other crafts are all included in the exhibition.

The MAY SHOW is a regional exhibition of national importance. Since its inception in 1919 it has given both creative inspiration and financial support to artists of this area. As a result Cleveland has become a vigorous center of artistic activity, and a leader in the field of ceramics, pottery and silver.

Last year 75,492 persons visited the MAY SHOW, and sales amounted to \$23,773.50. These figures indicate the community-wide enthusiasm for this annual exhibition.

The 43rd MAY SHOW will remain in the Special Exhibition Galleries of the Museum through June 11. It is open free to the public.